



Planning Post 3

News of the Richfield BLM Resource Management Plan

March 2004

RMP schedule extended

The BLM's Washington Office has granted the Richfield Field Office an additional 9 months to complete its new Resource Management Plan (RMP). In granting the extension, Washington recognized the investment Richfield BLM has made in working with state, county and Tribal cooperators and agreed that such relationships are well worth the time spent. Key dates in the revised schedule are:

- **Summer 2004** - Release draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) and draft RMP for public comment (90 days).
- **Fall 2004** - Comment period ends; analysis begins.
- **Spring 2005** - Complete final EIS and proposed RMP.
- **Summer 2005** - Complete Record of Decision and RMP.

Alternative ABCs

Recent work on the RMP has focused on developing alternative scenarios for managing the land and resources that will be analyzed in the DEIS. While the details are still being fleshed out, the management emphasis of each action alternative is as simple as A,B,C:

- Alt. A: Access
- Alt. B: Balance or Best-fit
- Alt. C: Conservation

Also being considered is the legally-required No Action Alternative. A preferred alternative has not yet been identified, but will likely combine the best

elements of the other alternatives. The alternatives will address off-highway vehicle management, areas of critical environmental concern and other important issues. When completed, the draft alternatives will be posted at www.richfieldrmp.com.

River Evaluation Released

Thirteen rivers crossing public lands managed by the Richfield Field Office are free-flowing and possess one or more outstandingly remarkable values, making them eligible for further consideration in the Richfield Resource Management Plan (RMP) as suitable wild, scenic or recreational rivers, according to the *Wild and Scenic River Preliminary Eligibility and Tentative Classification Report for the Richfield Field Office*, just released for public review. The preliminarily eligible rivers, along with their outstandingly remarkable values (ORVs), tentative classifications and river miles, are displayed in the table and map on the following pages. Determining eligibility is the first step in deciding which-if any-rivers should be recommended for addition to the national wild and scenic river system, a decision made as part of the RMP record of decision. Details of the process are in the report, available at the Richfield Field Office or on the RMP website (see below).

For more information

For the latest info about the RMP check out:

www.richfieldrmp.com

Wild and Scenic River Preliminary Eligibility and Tentative Classification Table

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River or River Segment	Outstandingly Remarkable Value(s)	Tentative Classification	BLM Miles
Dirty Devil complex			
• Dirty Devil River	Scenic, recreation, geologic and fish and wildlife	Wild	54
• Beaver Wash Canyon	Scenic and ecological	Wild	6.8
• Happy Canyon	Scenic and recreation	Wild	5.6
• Larry Canyon	Scenic, recreation, wildlife and ecological	Wild	4
• No Mans Canyon	Scenic and recreation	Wild	7.1
• Robbers Roost Canyon	Scenic, recreation and historic	Wild	25.9
• Sams Mesa Box Canyon	Scenic and wildlife	Wild	9.5
• Twin Corral Box	Scenic and wildlife	Wild	9
Fremont River			
• Below Mill Meadow Dam	Recreation and fish and wildlife	Recreational	1
• Fremont Gorge	Scenic and fish and wildlife	Wild	5
Horseshoe Canyon	Scenic and geologic	Wild	23.4
Maidenwater Creek	Scenic, recreation, geologic, fish and wildlife and ecological	Scenic	3
Pine Creek	Fish and wildlife and ecological	Scenic	1.2

Public comments are invited. Send to:

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Comments will be most useful if received by **April 30, 2004.**

Wild and Scenic River Eligibility Map

Eligible Stream Segments and Tentative Classifications

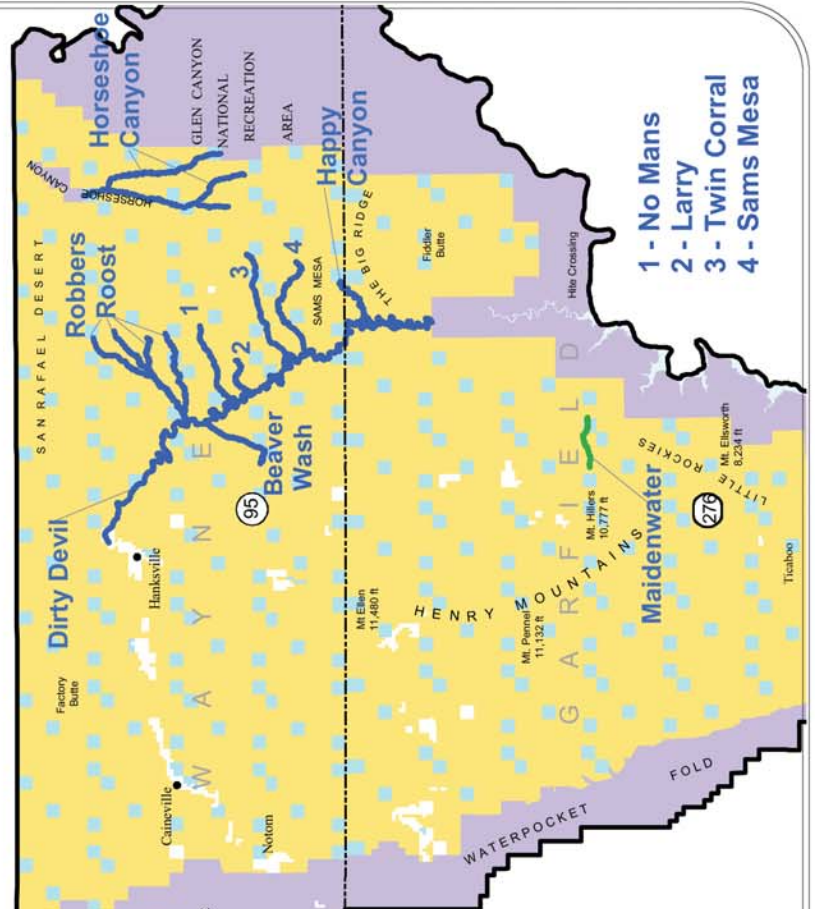
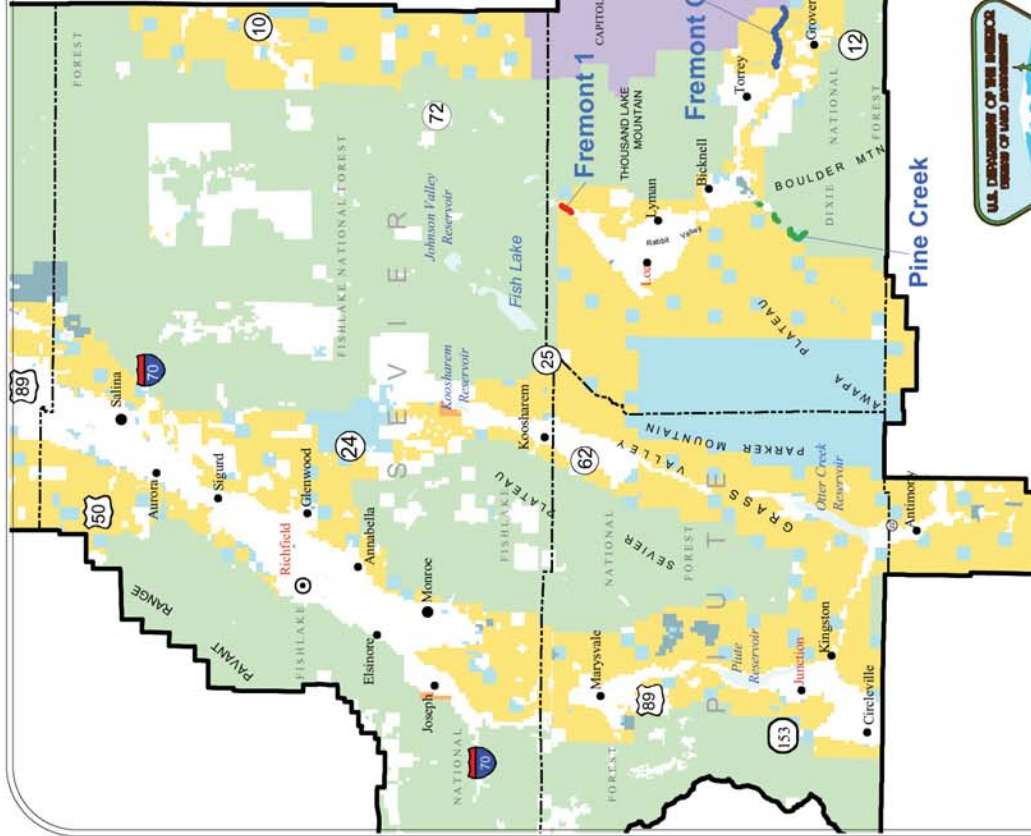
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- Wild

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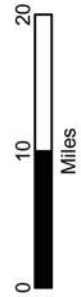
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- 1 - No Mans
- 2 - Larry
- 3 - Twin Corral
- 4 - Sams Mesa

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